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In re Application of: GUTMAN et al.
Application No. 10/694,404
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- ☐ Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
- ☒ Other: Request and Petition for Suspension of Action under 37 CFR § 1.103(a)
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the amount of **\$130.00**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.

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TIME EXTENSION PETITION FEE		none			\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00	
	subtract time extension fee previously paid	none			(\$ 0.00)		(\$ 0.00)	
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216.
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST AND PETITION FOR
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Dear Sir:

In response to a final Office Action in United States Application No. 09/462,765, a continuation application was filed. Applicant's attorney recently received a preliminary indication that the continuation application has been assigned Application No. 10/694,404.

A three-month suspension of action is requested for Continuation Application No. 10/694,404. The United States Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the \$130.00 petition fee set forth in 37 CRF § 1.17(h).

PETITION

According to the PALM system, Continuation Application No. 10/694,404 is still in the "pre-examination" phase and has not yet been passed to the Examiner. At this time there is no outstanding Office Action or requirement awaiting reply by the Applicants.

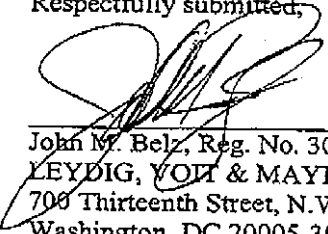
Applicants' attorney is preparing a Preliminary Amendment. However, before the Preliminary Amendment can be completed, the inventors, all of whom reside in Europe, and the inventors' employer must complete a review of various commercial embodiments of the filter assembly. Once this review is complete and Applicants' attorney has had an opportunity to examine the review, the Preliminary Amendment can be completed. It is expected that the review can be completed and the Preliminary Amendment can be completed

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and filed within the next three months. Consequently, a three-month suspension of action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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